(b) if so, the reasons for not appointing a disabled person to a responsible post like the CCPD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Dr. Uma Tuli has been appointed as Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities with effect from 17.4.2001 after following due procedure. There is no bar as per the provision of Section 57 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 to consider non-disabled candidates who are other wise eligible for this post.

Implementation of directives of SC/ST Commission

2387. SHRI R. N. ARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for SC/ST can issue directive's / orders to Government departments, Public Sector Undertakings for providing justice;

(b) if so, the measures to be taken in case their directives/orders are not implemented;

(c) if not, the proper way for getting justice to SCs/STs; and

(d) whether Government propose to give more power to the Commission to get its directives implemented or take action against the authority who does not follow its directives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As per provision under Article 338 of the Constitution, the National Commission for SCs and STs has all the powers of a civil court trying a suit. As per clause 5 of the said Article, where Report of the Commission relates to the Central Govt., action taken by the concerned Ministry/Deptt. along with the report are laid before both houses of the Parliament.

Where the Report relates to a State, action taken by the concerned State on the recommendations along with the Report are laid before the concerned legislature.

The recommendations of the Commission are given utmost consideration by all the Govts., and appropriate action is taken in all cases.